

JAMES F. O'SULLIVAN.

JANUARY 16, 1897.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BISHOP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6910.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6910) to remove the charge of desertion standing against James F. O'Sullivan, having considered the same, would respectfully report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

This soldier is conclusively shown by the records and by his own statement to have enlisted February 13, 1862, for three years, and to have deserted January 15, 1863, after a service of eleven months. The soldier gives no reasonable excuse or palliation for this act of disloyalty. He enlisted again under an assumed name March 6, 1865, and presumably received a large bounty. He again deserted May 9, 1865. Both of these desertions were apparently willful, and have nothing in them to call for the clemency of Congressional action for his relief.